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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Fallon Thorn shows her balancing skills at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School winter fun day on Feb. 28. See story on page 17.

## Armatec opponents win first zoning battle

By Mark Arike  
 Staff writer

As soon as Dysart's planning and development committee made their recommendation known, the large crowd that gathered at the Haliburton Legion for a public meeting on March 3 burst into applause.

"We are prepared to move a resolution here to recommend to council that they refuse the Official Plan amendment," said Steve Pogue,

Dysart councillor and chair of the committee.

The second public meeting of its kind was held to gather feedback from the community — both permanent and seasonal residents — on a proposed military testing site that would be located on a 2,300-acre property south of Elephant Lake Road and east of Benoir Lake Road near Harcourt.

London-area company Armatec Survivability approached the municipality to develop the lands for the project, which would

include an administration centre, two storage facilities, a primary research and testing area, and mobility test area for vehicles.

The project would require both a zoning bylaw amendment and an Official Plan amendment to move forward.

"We feel that changes to the Official Plan should not be taken lightly," said Pogue, just before announcing the committee's decision. "It should be able to demonstrate broad support in your community for a change to

the Official Plan. I don't think we've heard that tonight."

Pogue's fellow committee members included councillors Susan Norcross and Walt McKechnie.

At the start of the meeting, it took Dysart planner Patricia Martin 10 minutes just to read the list of 145 names of people — out of 150 — opposed to the project (these came in the form of public comments received by the municipality prior to the meeting).

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## Theft at Hydro One remains unsolved

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands OPP are asking for the public's help in the ongoing investigation of a break-and-enter theft that occurred at Hydro One on Highway 35 in February.

Between the evening of Feb. 21 and the morning of Feb. 22, thieves entered the Hydro One lot through a chain-link fence and stole numerous items from Hydro trucks and trailers, including six gas-powered saws and 12-15 coils of copper wire wrapped

in orange insulation. The items are estimated to be worth \$15,000.

"It's not like someone just put it in their pocket and walked away," said OPP Const. Paul Potter. "It's significant enough that someone would have noticed it happening."

Potter said he suspects that the thieves will burn the insulation from the copper wire to make it less identifiable and sell it at a scrap yard.

He said that the public should always feel free to contact Crime Stoppers to give anonymous tips.

"Here's a chance that if you know

something, no one will find out – even your neighbor," he said. "And you can be paid for your tip."

Potter said that Hydro One is still trying to determine anything else had been stolen, and that the OPP is relying on a tip from the public to help solve the crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Const. Semach at Haliburton Highlands OPP 705-286-1431 or the Kawartha-Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).



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## Committee says no to Armatec

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Whitby resident Rick Gray, who owns a cottage on Benoir Lake, added 1,000 names to the list after handing Martin a signed petition. According to Martin, the petition included signatures from people as far away as New York, North Carolina and New Zealand.

Heather Sadler, a professional planner and agent for Armatec, told the committee that the proposed development should make “sound, land use sense in this particular location.”

“The plan speaks to ensuring the development is appropriate and compatible [with the Official Plan],” said Sadler. “There’s also an understanding of the varieties of land use that occur in rural areas.”

Sadler said that while many people in the community believe the project is “destined to destroy the many wonderful aspects of the Benoir Lake and Harcourt area,” nothing could be further from the truth.

“The proposed site is selected specifically because it’s large enough and has topographic characteristics which will protect the landowners of Benoir Lake and the surrounding area from the testing that is proposed for this property.”

Karl Pfister, president and CEO of Armatec, took the podium in an attempt to address the overwhelming number of concerns from the public.

“We are here not to create this outcry,” said Pfister. “We want to do the right things – open, upfront and transparent.”

Councillor Norcross asked Pfister why he had chosen this property, which is located in a tourism and residential area.

Pfister called it a difficult question to answer, but said the testing area required a property that was large enough to handle the operations.

“To find a place that’s big enough, there’s not a lot of them on the market,” he explained. “Going up further north, the wait is already longer than where we are. It will get more and more difficult to do that.”

But local residents – permanent and seasonal – didn’t express much faith in the reassurances they received from Sadler or Pfister. Their concerns were similar to many of those expressed at a public meeting held on Feb. 22 at the Harcourt Community Centre. Some of these included environmental impact, noise and a potential decrease in property values.

“The opposition to this project has been made overwhelmingly clear...” said Tricia Atkinson, whose family lives on Benoir Lake.

Atkinson said employment opportunities are always welcome in a rural community, but in this case “we just aren’t willing to sell our souls to make that happen.”

“In conclusion, it would be nothing short of shameful for any of you to vote in favour of this ridiculous notion that amending the land use designation on this parcel of land would benefit any of us in Haliburton County.”

Donna Martin, a property owner on Benoir Lake Road, said she spent most of her week reading every single comment submitted to the municipality via their website.

“It was hard to read them because they were very emotional, very heartfelt and I agreed with every word that was spoken,” Martin told the committee.

She then read a letter from one of the voices who hadn’t been heard yet – her nine-year-old granddaughter’s.

“When she found out [what was going on] she was very upset and she wanted to do something. She wanted to get her class to make pictures and do a petition, which she’s working on and you’ll get that shortly.”

Pam Casey and her father, Tim, were two local residents who spoke favourably of the proposed testing facility.

“I think that there’s a huge lack of basic knowledge of explosives,” said Pam, who pointed out that her family operated a tourism business for 85 years and ran a blasting business.

“I feel that this is such a huge exercise in making a mountain out of a mole hill,” said Tim.

After hearing the committee’s recommendation, Pfister admitted that the municipality is faced with a very difficult decision.

“They have to do it very carefully,” he said. “There is a lot of facts to come and I think the whole thing will come down to facts at the end of the day.”

Pfister said that if given an opportunity to do a test blast for the community, “the whole group would be very disappointed [in] how small it is.”

Council will officially receive the recommendation at their March 24 meeting. Should they vote in favour and deny the amendments, Pfister said he would appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

## Reid takes OPP billing fight to province

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

Reeve Barb Reid, alongside three other Haliburton County reeves, is continuing to represent the county in protest of the new OPP billing model proposed for 2015.

“The whole thing is truly up in the air right now,” she said.

Reid updated members of Minden council on Feb. 27 about the outcome of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association conference in Toronto that was held from Feb. 23 to 26 and attended by Reid, Haliburton County warden Dave Burton, Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey, and Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt, alongside 1,800 elected officials from around the province. She noted that the OPP billing model issue was prominent at the conference, and is one that affected many municipalities negatively, but that some would gain from the new model.

“It’s an interesting room because the winners and losers are sitting at the same table, and the winners are tasting it,” said Reid. “They think it’s a done deal.”

Reid said that Haliburton County was the first of many delegations to share their concerns about the new model with Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The Haliburton County delegation asked the minister to consider postponing the implementation of the new billing model beyond 2015 pending further analysis and conversation.

“She didn’t seem very flexible at that point, but I think 48 delegations later, she probably got the message that there are a lot of municipalities concerned,” said Reid.

She said that Haliburton County would be in talks with neighbouring communities including the City of Kawartha Lakes, the County of

Peterborough, and Muskoka about a more efficient alternative to policing needs. If Haliburton County were to arrange an alternative policing system, the Haliburton OPP detachment would continue to be responsible for policing provincial highways and trans-jurisdictional needs at a cost that is not included in the new billing model and would be paid for by the province.

“It’s entirely possible that our municipality, along with several others, will be asked to participate financially in the engagement of a consultant to prepare a business model for an alternative system,” she said, noting that many people at the conference didn’t feel this was a viable alternative, but that it was important to prove that it wasn’t a viable option before disregarding the idea.

The proposed billing reform would “crush” the county, according to a fact sheet released by the county of Haliburton in February and distributed at the ROMA/OGRA conference. The fact sheet states that tax increases in each of the county’s four municipalities would range from 20–36 per cent and that this would result in the county paying an additional \$5 million in taxes – from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million – without service increases. The county would pay for 54 officers but be serviced by 29 officers.

“We think the underlying rationale behind this is flawed and that we need a broader conversation around what are municipalities being charged for, and how then do you make sure that every municipality is paying their fair share,” said Reid.

As the county representative on the OPP billing steering committee developed by the Association of Municipalities Ontario, Reid will present the findings of the committee to county council at the end of March or in early April.

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# Editorial opinion

## Backyard politics

Not in my back yard.

NIMBY. It's a term used to describe people who fight against any development they believe will negatively affect their interests.

You read about them in the paper, the people who ruin projects for everyone with their negativity and selfish demands.

And now, we have NIMBYs in Haliburton.

To be clear, we've always had them. In the quiet of a council chamber – because rarely do people attend meetings of their municipal governments – one neighbour will fight another over a proposed shed or dock. It's commonplace.

But this is different. Here is a company that's proposing to bring in jobs and money, to help us move towards that long sought-after sustainable economy we so desperately need. And the people protesting could put an end to all that.

It's not just cottagers, but nearby full-time residents who are against the project. They don't want to hear the tanks or trucks rolling by, or the blasts off in the distance. They want the peace and quiet they paid for when they bought their property. Residents who live outside of the project area say we need the jobs – anywhere from five to 15 new jobs, according to Armatec – and that the economic impact is worth putting out a few, mostly, seasonal residents.

But it's not that simple. For all the anger towards NIMBYs, most people would react the same way if a bomb-testing site were proposed near their home or cottage. No one wants to listen to trucks driving by and bombs going off month after month.

And yet, many feel the same way about summer fireworks and winter snowmobiles, two activities that shatter our silence far more frequently than Armatec proposes to do. Why have the anti-Armatec folks been so quiet about their own contributions to disturbing the neighbours?

Seems a bit hypocritical.

The people fighting Armatec aren't wrong for doing so, but neither are the people trying to support the project. One full-time resident was offended during a public meeting when a cottager scoffed at the idea of five to 15 new jobs. While it may seem insignificant in the city, those jobs are vital here.

Another resident said he grew up in Kinmount when the mill was the town's lifeblood. Despite awful environmental conditions, and the river being so saturated with logs that any recreational uses were out of the question, no one complained. They accepted the reality of life with a mill in town because, without it, they had nothing.

Armatec chose the location in Harcourt for a reason. If we're going to have the project in Haliburton County, it's going to have to be there. Dysart et al's council has a tough decision to make, because, while there has been significant public outcry from residents, there is also the potential for economic growth and development in an area that sorely needs it.

If ever there were an issue that so clearly demonstrates the different interests of cottagers and full-time residents, this is it. The Armatec fracas also highlights a profound difference in values: what's best for the community versus what's best for individuals. There's no judgment in that – cottagers have communities to worry about back home – but those eager to boost voter turnout for seasonal residents this October may want to consider the implications of amplifying a clash between those whose primary concern is a healthy, prosperous community and others who put those objectives second to their own welfare.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## In our own voice

When CityTV's Moses Znaimer hired the very black, heavily-accented Jojo Chintoh to be an on-air reporter in 1978, it wasn't to fill any quotas. And later, when Chintoh was joined by a wheelchair-enabled David Onley as weatherman, Znaimer's motivation again wasn't altruism.

Rather, Znaimer had recognized that people like Onley and Chintoh, and not just the more traditionally telegenic Anne Mroczkowski and Gord Martineau, were what many Torontonians actually look like.

Anyone could have noticed this obvious fact, but it was Znaimer who saw the importance of reflecting it on local television. He was ahead of his time in putting to use one of the most famous theories of Canadian social science: McLuhan's *the medium is the message*. In Znaimer's case, the message was that Toronto is a diverse city.

It was actually much more than that. Znaimer was saying: here, ladies and gentleman, is a very black man reporting the news and – believe it or not, good citizens of the capital of Upper Canada who may find that unusual – he's not at all scary. And look at the other man in the wheelchair, reporting the weather without any help whatsoever! Imagine that – disabled people doing regular jobs just like you and me!

CityTV probably had a more positive effect on building a cohesive, multicultural Toronto than stacks of human rights legislation and endless hours of diversity training ever could. White people could relate to the on-air personalities and that goodwill spilled over into workplaces and social settings, while people of other colours, particularly kids, now had role models that did something besides play basketball. Speaking of, CityTV always covered disabled sports events too.

Newspapers, radio, television, the Internet – each medium is a space. When we leave one of those spaces empty, they get filled by default, sometimes by content at odds with our values.

Haliburton County doesn't have television because we're too small a community and it's too expensive. Consequently, the media space for television, or video if you like, has been filled by satellite TV.

Nothing wrong with that, except you can

flip channels all day and at some point maybe wonder: where are we in all of that? Aside from very brief glimpses of vaguely similar locales and activities, we are completely invisible in what is the most powerful medium available outside of actual experience, video. And newspapers' attempts at taking their content online as a substitute, except for the very largest and well-funded ones, deliver mostly lacklustre results. Ours certainly did.

The problem with newspapers having websites is that newspapers are optimized for the medium of print. Space is limited and so stories and photos must be carefully selected and arranged to create an attractive and interesting product. Online, there are no such limitations but many more capabilities; cutting and pasting copy from a newspaper to a website leaves a decidedly flat online experience.

So when we started to build our new website, we determined early on that it would not be a duplicate of the paper. Instead, it's designed as a complement, to push local media into another dimension and occupy that space for what's happening here. It's a place we can see ourselves, talk to each other and ultimately stimulate the hard but very rewarding work of building communities.

It's early days, but the first video posted – the Armatec public meeting – was profound. Here for the first time, we could see our community in action, hear it speak. And it's there, archived, to watch from Minden or Mississauga or Mumbai. Obviously not as flashy or wide-ranging as the video on TV we're used to – again, early days – but it's our space, where our community theatre, schools, councils, outdoor activities, service clubs, non-profits and local leaders get top billing. If seeing is believing, it's the next step in The Highlander's mission to support the growth and prosperity of the Highlands.

We invite you to take a look, offer your comments and suggestions, participate in growing this new window on the Highlands. Visit [highlanderonline.ca](http://highlanderonline.ca) and let us know what you think.

See you there.



By Bram Lebo

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# Letters to the editor

## Bullying not acceptable

Dear editor,

I was one of reportedly 200 people in Harcourt on Feb. 22 for the Armatec presentation. Although the presenter/planner attempted to answer questions in an organized manner, the constant interruptions and yelling caused the process to quickly deteriorate. Respect, never mind dignity (as urged by a letter two weeks ago), never really made an appearance.

I have no connection to Armatec and live several miles from Elephant Lake Road. My interest may be considered at arm's length, which is why I realize my voice does not carry the same weight on this issue as those who live closer. There may have been many others there in a similar position, but that is unknown.

As a full-time resident for almost forever, I speak only from my viewpoint. There have been volumes written over the years (usually every spring) concerning the coexistence of cottagers and locals. I believe we are all here for the same reason: we love this area, especially its natural beauty. But our lifestyles are different, so we have different outlooks.

Part-time residents want to relax and enjoy their time here. Locals do too, but, except for our retirees, have to find ways to sustain living here. When I heard people at the meeting mocking the idea of five potential jobs and laughing about this being a depressed area, my reaction was 'wow, what a lack of understanding!' I wouldn't approve of absolutely anything that provided jobs, but

to dismiss those points as unimportant is insulting for some of us. People have been forced to go elsewhere for work since at least the 1940s. This is our history. Most have had to leave.

One result of the nature of the local/cottager relationship is the power that our part-time residents hold over full-timers, simply because of the situation. We certainly know you bring money into this area that helps many of us live here year-round. I believe we appreciate you for that. What I don't appreciate is when that fact evolves into a bullying attitude. Some full-time residents near the property feel pressure not to voice their opinions unless they are against Armatec. It's wrong for anyone to feel afraid to express themselves because of financial or social repercussions. In a democracy, we have the right to our opinions.

I realize that passion can develop into frustration and anger, but I am ashamed of the picture that was painted on Saturday of this area. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable. Understanding and awareness are basic building blocks of a civilized society, and history sadly shows how quickly their loss can result in hatred and violence. Let's not let our differences in lifestyles make us forget that we are neighbours and are all here because of our love of the area. And as neighbours, we should at least try to understand and respect each other's viewpoints.

Janet Barker  
Wilberforce

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## Photo of the week



Photo by Carry Wybenga

An owl takes a nap in the bush.

## The seven stages of clearing the deck

Holy crap! How can snow be this heavy, this hard? It's like chipping away at the Canadian Shield. I must be dreaming. I'm in some nightmarish world where clearing snow from your deck is a punishment meted out to prisoners for the most heinous crimes.

Chip, chip, chip... shovel a bit then chip, chip, chip. I can't believe just how compact the huge mound of snow on my deck is, and then it hits me. I'm in shock. I'm displaying the first of the seven stages of grief. A grief brought on by this interminable winter and the pile of snow on my deck that rivals the ski hill at Sir Sam's!

Now, the snow removal experts amongst you, and I'm sure there are many, will tut-tut at my failure to regularly shovel the snow from my deck. You'll chuckle and point out this article to your loved ones, stating "stupid English guy, that's a school-boy error." And you'd be right because this English guy is still learning the ways of the Canadian winter. And that learning curve is pretty steep in the winter that we're having this year, let me tell you. Steep like a black run on an icy day when I'm standing at the top wearing nothing but boxer shorts.

I carry on chipping and shovelling, the mound not getting much smaller but my mood getting better. I decide that the size of my backyard mini mountain must be an optical illusion, a trick of the shimmering, crystalline light on this rather crisp morning.

"It can't be that bad. I bet most of the pile will be easy shovelling, once I get through this tough bit," I say out loud. Denial has set in: the second stage.

Not long after, my verbal pronouncements turn somewhat more sour. The snow is still just as compact. I'm sweating like a pig (have to check next time I see a pig shovelling snow) and the blade on my shovel seems to be getting blunt.

"Why the heck didn't someone tell me it was like this! One of those \*%#!#ing Canadians should have warned me about clearing my deck! I hate this \*^&%@#%#! weather!"

I slam my shovel into the pile of snow. It was meant to stick right in and I was meant to stomp off venting my rage, but instead the blade of the shovel bounces on the hard mound and springs back at me hitting me in the face and then tangling with my legs.

As I lie on my back, lip bleeding, I scream every expletive I know at the world. Anger, the third stage has kicked in. My lovely wife comes out and scolds me for swearing. That really helps.

Then, as my head clears, the stars and F-words beginning to clear from that space just above me, I enter the next phase: bargaining. Half sat, half slumped against the snow mound, my back leaning against a particularly sharp bit but my eyes facing away from its still monstrous form, and I pray for spring to come quickly. I implore the powers above, God, Mother Nature, the demon of global warming, anybody, to come quickly and bring with them a heat wave. In return I offer my soul, my worldly chattels, my first-born child.

My lovely wife hears that last bit and ventures outside to scold me once more. How could I offer Little Z! How could I even say such a thing?

I get to my feet shamefaced and began to chip at the snow mound, again, now feeling very guilty, which is convenient because that is the next stage of the process. Guilty at offering up Little Z in return for a pass on a

bit of hard work. Guilty at letting the snow pile amass into a mountain before even considering moving it. Guilty as charged for being a lazy Limey while all you Canucks were out there shovelling.

And with that thought I take to my shovel again. I accept my fate – the final stage – and knuckled down to the task of clearing my deck. 'Oh well,' I think, 'I'm almost a third of the way through it now, all I have to do is just keep on going. All I have to do is work through these seven stages of deck clearing grief again, a few more times, and the job will be done.'

I jam down the blade of the shovel hard with renewed gusto, slicing into the mound. It slips through the snow more easily and for a split second I am joyous, but what was that splintering sound? I've found the wicker garden furniture.

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It seems that I've passed right on by disbelief and denial the second time around and gone straight to anger this time.

## The Outsider



By Will Jones



# Highlander opinion

## Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the proposed Armatec test site in Harcourt?*



**Cindy Sedore**

Haliburton

I don't know a lot about it or how it will affect anything. I just don't have enough information.

**Darlene McConnell**

Haliburton

I don't like the idea of bombs going off. It's not good for people living here or tourism.



**Leith Clarke**

Haliburton

I don't want it there because it will disturb the wildlife.



**Reet Murray**

Haliburton

There is so much deserted property in this country, why do they have to have it near Harcourt? They can put it anywhere.



**Debbie Cumber**

Gooderham

I have mixed feelings about it. I have read it's not going to cause a great disturbance for residents. I think it's necessary to improve our troops. But I understand residents being upset about that.



*Photos and interviews by Matthew Desrosiers*

## Algonquin Park's Apocalypse Now

*Dear editor,*

Re: Toronto Star Wed. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> article, 'Tank testing coming to cottage country' by Marco Chown Oved

At first I chuckled and thought it a joke. Then when this absurd story was actually reality-based I was simply flabbergasted... oh come on! Armoured tank testing coming to cottage country? What?

I proceeded to peruse through the Toronto Star's Feb. 19 article written by Marco Chown Oved. An article that made my heart sink like a Lead Zeppelin. It addressed the implausible purchase of 2,300 acres of land adjacent to Algonquin Park and cottages along Benoit Lake for purposes of testing armoured tanks. The article noted explosions and terrain pounding tests from these behemoth mobile fortresses of aggression... really?

Although these words may seem self-serving, as I have just recently purchased a property on Benoit Lake, they may also be words a majority of Canadians can hopefully relate to and possibly support. Would many people want such a facility near their abode? I think not!

My wife and I purchased this place for retirement. We are not the chosen few with money to burn. We are a typical couple working in the metropolis gridlock that found an affordable country home for our golden years. A place near Algonquin Park which we thought was sacred ground – truly Canadian; lakes, forest, wildlife... tanks?

Marco's article noted that Armatec Survivability, a London-based tank armour manufacturer, is attempting to purchase this large parcel of land. When visiting their

website I found a company interpersonal Q&A that propagates their agenda concerning environmental and residential impact. OK... I understand this, private company purchasing property. It's all about the bottom line; profits, funding etc.

What I don't understand is government. This is near Algonquin Park and lakeside cottages. Sorry, but municipal zoning for 'armour tank testing' near said areas? LOL (this is the first time I truly believe the acronym is appropriate). We don't need municipal amendments or rezoning to accommodate big company purchases. We need government and environmental ministries to regulate the obvious when it comes to areas near nature parks. We need government and environmental ministries to protect taxpayers that purchase properties around our lakes to live the Canadian dream.

Armatec Survivability is a manufacturer of armour upgrades for U.S. and Canadian tanks and armour vehicles. This is a necessary evil in many ways and a support to our troops. However, why on God's green earth (pun intended) would you put such a facility in this location? Is this not what we fight for?

I wish to protect what the Algonquin Park area is meant to be... a natural environment. That is why the residents around Benoit Lake (just south of Algonquin Park) purchased properties. Such a facility anywhere near the proposed area is preposterous.

I hope these solo words can become a choir in protest. Please help with support and guidance.

**Jeff Young**  
Benoit Lake

## Armatec, NIMBYs and all that

*Dear editor,*

The newspaper account of the meeting between Armatec personnel and the public opponents suggest the opponents exhibited rude, intimidating, bullying behaviour, which doesn't belong in a public forum, and proponents of a project shouldn't be subjected to. I personally don't see Armatec's proposal creating as much annoyance as many of the opponents probably create themselves with fireworks, leaf blowers, chainsaws, parties, gunshots, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc. NIMBYism is rampant, and I for one believe property owners also have rights regarding the use of their property.

If we are worried about danger to the deer, worry about hunting season. If we are worried about wildlife, worry about highways with motorists who don't bother to avoid running over hapless animals, or landowners who feel the need to shoot any creature that happens to wander onto their property. If we are worried about birds, worry about towers in Toronto built in a major migratory route. If we are worried about pristine lakes, are those the ones with the bottoms poisoned with lead buckshot and sinkers, polluted with septic run off, gas, and oil, etc.? Oh yes, I

forgot to add Tim Hortons cups and donut wrappers, cigarette butts, and dog doo doo to the list. Are they the ones with wall-to-wall subdivisions of cottages?

So stick with me for this thought!

When you join the over-the-hill club you get cynical. So what if my generation had risen up and opposed, and stopped, the subdivision and sale of the shorelines of those lakes when they actually were pristine, and as a result none of the cottage lots existed today? What if my generation had opposed and stopped the creation of severed lots from family farms, and the creation of trailer parks? What if my generation had opposed and stopped the creation of the Rail Trail and forced the county to sell the lots to the adjacent property owners. Just think, no more of those annoying snowmobiles, ATVs and dirt bikes, with inconsiderate operators!

I always thought my generation was forward-thinking. After all, we made room for a lot of these people who can't seem to stop carping about everything today. Maybe they should extend the same courtesy to others who now want to come here and do their thing.

**Keith Stata**  
Kinmount

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# Highlander news

## Vandals damage local laundromat

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The owners of Parkside Laundromat walked into their business on a Saturday morning and discovered their washroom had been vandalized.

“We were in at 6 a.m. and found the vandalism. We had to call the OPP immediately,” said Colby Marcellus, who owns the Haliburton business with Craig Gordon.

According to an OPP press release, wooden panels were ripped off the wall of the laundromat’s washroom sometime between 5:30 and 10 p.m. on Feb. 21.

“It’s the second time in two weeks that the laundromat has been misused,” said Marcellus, who added that people had been “smoking and partying” in the laundromat a week prior to the incident.

The common area of the laundromat

is equipped with surveillance cameras, however, it is illegal to have them in a public washroom.

“We have a pretty strong suspicion of who did it, but because they weren’t caught on camera we can’t press charges.”

Marcellus said it is disheartening to know there are people willing to cause such damage to his business.

“It makes us sad because it’s a facility that the broader community uses, and we’ve worked really hard to make it a clean and safe place for everyone.”

Marcellus and Gordon have owned the laundromat for four years. They also own and operate Baked & Battered, a restaurant and cafe located in Haliburton.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to contact OPP Const. Lee at 705-286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).



By Mark Arike

## Minden woman suffers minor injuries in rollover

Police believe slippery conditions played a role in a single-vehicle rollover on County Road 21, just outside of Haliburton on March 4. The accident, which occurred on the bridge by Harper Power Sports and Marine, closed down both lanes to traffic for over an hour, according to OPP Const. Paul Potter.

An 18-year-old woman from Minden Hills suffered minor injuries. No charges have been laid.

## OPP seek tips in roads worker assault

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Police are still looking for a man who assaulted a Minden Hills road worker on Feb. 21.

“Nobody has been identified as a suspect and [there are] no charges to date,” said OPP Const. Paul Potter, adding that police haven’t received tips from the public or Crime Stoppers as of March 2.

According to an OPP press release, the township employee was parked on Cox Farm Road in Minden when he was approached by another man at

approximately 7 a.m. The unidentified man stepped on the running boards of the truck and began yelling and swearing at the roads worker about the conditions of the road.

“[There was] no prior conversation between the two parties,” said Potter.

The man punched the worker in the shoulder, according to Potter, which then glanced off his face. No medical treatment was sought.

The driver of the sander truck managed to knock the suspect off the running boards.

“Although in this specific case the operator was able to defend himself against the suspect, that may not hold true if this

were to happen again involving different persons,” Potter pointed out. “At the end of the day, regardless of charges, this type of behaviour cannot be tolerated against our municipal employees.”

The suspect, who is described as mid- to late-60s with grey hair, fled the scene in a black Dodge Dakota pick-up truck. The vehicle’s licence plate information was not obtained.

Anyone with information is asked to contact OPP Const. Neville at 705-286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## Pickering man killed in sled crash

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

A 59-year-old Pickering man is dead after crashing his snowmobile into a tree in Haliburton on Feb. 28.

According to an OPP press release, Donald Parker suffered life-threatening injuries after losing control of his 2002 Polaris snowmobile and striking a tree about a half a kilometre north of Haliburton Lake Road. Parker was transported by land ambulance to the Haliburton hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The OPP, EMS and members of the Dysart et al fire department responded to the accident at 10:52 p.m.

On March 1, the collision was under investigation by OPP technical collision investigators. It appeared that the driver was unfamiliar with the area and that speed may have been a factor, stated the press release.

## Traffic complaint leads to speeding, drug charges

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands OPP recently nabbed a 20-year-old Mississauga man for speeding, open liquor and possession of marijuana after receiving a traffic complaint in Minden Hills.

On Feb. 25, officers were contacted about a small white car that was travelling at a high rate of speed through the 60 km/h zone in Miners Bay. They were able to locate and stop the speeding vehicle just south of Minden.

After searching the vehicle, officers discovered 57 grams of marijuana and

open liquor.

The driver of the vehicle, Sherifi Selami, has been charged with speeding (37 km/h over the limit in an 80 km/h zone), driving with open liquor and possession of marijuana over 30 grams.

Selami is scheduled to appear at the Minden courthouse on April 14.

## THE HIGHLANDER'S MISSION

To tell the story of Haliburton County each week

To be a source of information and inspiration through stories and ideas

To report on issues, people and events important to the community

To reflect and promote pride in the culture, people and landscape of The Highlands

To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves, in our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.





# INFORMATION PAGE

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In case of emergency please Dial 9-1-1. For all other municipal emergencies please call 1-866-856-3247

## Meetings and Events

**March 9**

Daylight Savings Time,  
set your clocks ahead 1 hour

**March 13**

9:00 am, CoTW meeting,  
Minden Council Chambers  
(10:00 am public session)

**March 15**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the  
Lochlin Community Centre.  
\$12/adults, \$6/kids under 12  
and children under 4 are FREE.  
5:00 pm or 6:30 pm seating available.  
Call 705-286-6087 or  
705-286-3438 to make a reservation.

**March 27**

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,  
Minden Council Chambers  
(10:00 am public session)

7:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre  
Advisory Committee meeting,  
Irondale Community Centre

## Public Reminder Notice

### Spring Melt

Spring time is approaching and flooding is a potential seasonal risk in our Minden Hills area due to rain fall, snow thaw or major storms.

Public reminder notices will be posted regularly to keep you up to date on the resources you may require.

Please visit our new website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca), for all up to date and accurate information to assist you in preparing for the immediate measures before they are required.

The Municipality will continue to communicate all information by means of media broadcasting and media releases to radio stations and local newspapers.

Please visit the municipality at 7 Milne Street, 2nd floor for information.



MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE  
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## CULTURE Day Camp MARCH BREAK

**March 10—14, 2014**  
\$10 per day per child  
Ages 7 to 12

**TO REGISTER CALL  
705-286-3763**

Each day will be full of art, craft, activities and outdoor games.  
Children need to bring lunch and outdoor clothing and shoes

All materials are supplied

All workshops run from  
9am – 12pm Art and Craft  
12pm – 12:45pm lunch and movie  
12:45 – 3:30pm Eco Projects & Outdoor Games



MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE  
176 Bobcaygeon Road in the Common Room  
[www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)  
**EXHIBITIONS**

### A Different Way | Rug Hooking Exhibition

January 7 to March 1, 2014

Curated by Laurie Carmount

"A Different Way" is an exhibition highlighting the beauty of hooked rugs and how it is a different way artistically to portray Canadian landscape. The exhibition also examines how economics affect our choices and abilities in beautifying our surroundings.

To help illustrate this point, "A Different Way" will include a selection of rugs from The Textile Museum of Canada and a number of heritage rugs from a Susan Murray's private collection, pieces from the Minden Hills Museum collection and selected rugs from Ontario and Minden Rug Hooking Guilds.

### Function vs Expression

March 4 to May 17, 2014

Curated by Laurie Carmount

Opening Reception

March 7 at 4:30pm

Artists: Terry Craig and Jenn Wanless-Craig, April Gates & Sandra Dunn

"Function vs Expression" is an exhibition inviting dialogue about craft and fine art. Called "Function" to connote craft and "Expression" to suggest fine art, the title is leading and opens the door to preconceived notions some may have about the two aspects. Terminology and classification is meant to clarify and distinguish. Though fine art has had a steady course of understanding, craft has been pushed and pulled about in attempts to describe handmade items. It gets tricky when one looks closer at these descriptions. Artists who work in a traditional craft sometimes begrudge the word 'craft' sensitive to potential inferiority to fine art for instance. Why, is the question—something explored in the artists' statements. Terry and Jenn live in Tory Hill and have been operating Artech studios glassblowing for many years. April Gates of Blackbird Pottery; balancing on the cusp of fine art and craft, Blackbird Pottery unites the spirit and usefulness of handcrafted work to intrigue, inspire and engage its patrons. Sandra Dunn owns and operates Two Smiths that works primarily with metal—steel, wrought iron, copper, aluminum, stainless steel and bronze.

## 2014 Interim Tax Bills

Please be advised that the 2014 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 28th, 2014.

The due dates are March 21 and May 16. If you have not received your bill(s) by the March due date, please contact our office.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the municipal office written notification of any address change.

Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

## March Break Activities



*March Break*  
at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST SIGN A WAIVER FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN BROOMBALL OR SHINNY, WHICH CAN BE DONE THE DAY OF THE ACTIVITY

### MONDAY MARCH 10

1:00-3:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills  
3:00-4:00pm Broomball  
Bring your family out to try this popular sport that is played like hockey. But instead of wearing skates you wear boots and instead of a puck and a stick, you use a ball and a "broom". ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING AND WEAR A HELMET FOR THIS ACTIVITY

7:00-8:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills

### TUESDAY MARCH 11

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills  
2:00-3:00pm Broomball  
Bring your family out to try this popular sport that is played like hockey. But instead of wearing skates you wear boots and instead of a puck and a stick, you use a ball and a "broom". ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING AND WEAR A HELMET FOR THIS ACTIVITY  
3:00-4:00pm Shiny (ages 12 and under). Bring your gear for some pick up hockey.  
4:00-5:00pm Shiny (ages 12-17). Bring your gear for some pick up hockey.

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills  
2:00-3:00pm Broomball  
Bring your family out to try this popular sport that is played like hockey. But instead of wearing skates you wear boots and instead of a puck and a stick, you use a ball and a "broom". ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING AND WEAR A HELMET FOR THIS ACTIVITY

### THURSDAY MARCH 13

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills  
2:00-3:00pm Shiny (ages 12 and under). Bring your gear for some pick up hockey.  
3:00-4:00pm Shiny (ages 12-17). Bring your gear for some pick up hockey.

### FRIDAY MARCH 14

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills  
2:00-3:00pm Broomball  
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### SATURDAY MARCH 15

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills

### SUNDAY MARCH 16

12:00-2:00pm Public Skating  
Sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills

If you would like more information on these activities please contact:  
Diana Weiss at 286-2288 or  
[dweiss@mindenhills.ca](mailto:dweiss@mindenhills.ca)



## Daylight Savings



Don't forget to set your  
clocks **AHEAD** one  
hour this weekend!  
March 9, 2014

## Public Skating

Is every Sunday and Wednesday at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena from 12 Noon to 2 pm  
Helmets are recommended  
Please call Jane Harrison, CSD Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1936 for details and scheduling updates

**Ice Rentals & Room Bookings**  
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Monday to Friday  
8:30am – 4:30pm  
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# Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Chyna Schell, owner of Haliburton Dance Academy, stands outside the old Victoria Street school. Schell will relocate her studio to the building in June.

## Dance studio on the move

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

After nearly two years at its current location, Haliburton Dance Academy will soon have a new home.

"This space was always temporary," said Chyna Schell, owner of the business. "We really started thinking about moving when I was contacted by Community Living, probably in November or December."

The dance studio, which Schell purchased from Terri Matthews in June of 2012 (then Haliburton Dance Arts), is currently located at 41 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. Schell will relocate the business to the old Victoria Street School in June.

"It was a dream space," said Schell. "I just

couldn't picture uprooting the kids so soon because we do think of ourselves as a family."

But the more she thought about it, the more she didn't want to pass up the opportunity.

"I jumped on it and just everyone is over the moon excited," she said, referring to the support from her dance family, which includes about 100 students.

The timing is also good for Schell, since the lease on her current space is up at the end of May.

The new space will be slightly smaller than the current location, however, it will be divided into two parts.

"The biggest difference is high ceilings, which is awesome because the kids are going to grow in the next year and they're never going to be able to jump again," she laughed.

The studio will be on the third floor of the building, which oddly enough is the same space in which Schell attended kindergarten to Grade 2. Her grandmother also studied at the former school and her great grandmother was a teacher there.

"Where the change rooms will be is where the principal's office was."

With the move Schell plans to grow the business from three instructors to six, and wants to offer adult programs. All of this year's summer programs will commence at the new location.

As for her time as owner, Schell still feels like she's living a dream.

"It's been awesome, it's been busy, it's been hard, it's been rewarding. I still pinch myself when I come to work."



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 13  
Chamber AM Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

*Abbey Gardens*  
GARDENS

Abbey Gardens  
1012 Garden Gate Drive  
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Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$15

Topic: Hiring & Training Incentives  
Kim Quigley, Fleming CREW  
Employment Centre

Find out about significant funding opportunities for hiring, training & retaining new staff!

Monday, March 17  
Brown Bag Lunch & Learn  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Small Business Tax  
Preparation Tips

Make sure you are on track for the 2014 (or 2015!) tax season with this free workshop

FREE for members  
Location: Chamber of  
Commerce office  
Bring your own lunch

Tuesday, March 18  
Business After Hours  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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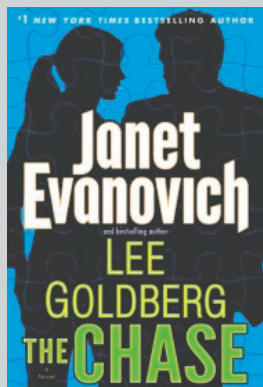
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# Highlander arts

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

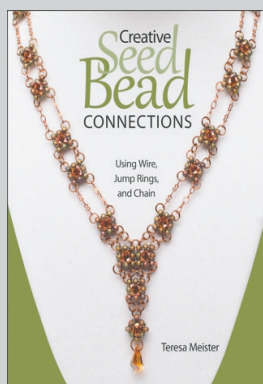


### HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Chase: a novel* by Janet Evanovich
2. *Trouble in Mind: the collected stories, volume 3* by Jeffery Deaver
3. *The Undead Pool* by Kim Harrison

### HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Creative Seed Bead Connections: using wire, jump rings and chain* by Teresa Meister
2. *The Massey Murder: a maid, her master and the trial that shocked a country* by Charlotte Gray
3. *The Stop: how the fight for good food transformed a community and inspired a movement* by Nick Saul and Andrea Curtis



### HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Thea Stilton and the Great Tulip Heist* by Thea Stilton (JF)
2. *The Divergent Companion* by Lois H. Gresh (YA)

### AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Gravity* (DVD)
2. *I Can See Clearly Now* by Wayne Dyer (Book on CD)

### Library News

March break is March 10-14. Our Dysart and Minden branches will be open on Monday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be children's programming throughout the week at many of our branches. Check out our website at [www.haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca) for details, or visit a branch to pick up our March calendar!



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Terry Craig tries to maintain his composure as he looks at his lifeless subject. Above: Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands chair Chris Lynd enjoys her ringside seat as Laurie Jones and Jennifer Wanless-Craig battle it out.

## Artists step into the ring at Staycation

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

On Feb. 27, local artists unleashed their creative arsenal on their foes in an evening of friendly competition titled "Win! Lose! Draw!"

"Tonight is all about fight," Chris Lynd, chair of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, told the creative minds in attendance.

"Everyone needs to punch a hole in their ego," added Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery.

The event, also open to non-artists, challenged competitors to draw a mannequin in three-minute rounds using charcoal, chalk and pastels. The winners were decided by way of audience approval.

Glass artist Jennifer Wanless-Craig, also known by her ring persona "Wild Child," was crowned the champion and awarded the Artlovers' Cup.

The evening of bouts was part of the Artlovers' Staycation, a four-day event

featuring workshops for artists. The initiative was the result of a partnership between the Rails End Gallery and Arts Council.

"We decided on a project that would meet the mandate of both our organizations and that is providing the opportunity for education and celebrating arts, culture and heritage," said Lynd, adding that the goal was to "meet the needs and interests" of as many of both organizations' members as possible.

By hosting such an event, one of the long-term goals is to "nourish the creative community in Haliburton County," she said.

"We feel that by coming together we will strengthen our connections with each other and build an even more interesting, successful sector through capitalizing on the synergy in the room."

According to Lynd, 60 people attended a total of 11 sessions. The feedback was positive and the plan is to run the event again next year.



## SPRING IS SO CLOSE YOU CAN TASTE IT - AT THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS MUSEUM!

Friday, March 14 & Saturday, March 15 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All week long, we'll be making maple syrup made the way early settlers to Haliburton did -- complete with tasty samples! We'll also have crafts and activities for kids, as well as exciting contests!

On Friday, join us for a special children's open stage (1-3pm) -- all kids are welcome to show off their talents -- and on Saturday, enjoy tunes provided by talented local musicians!

The Haliburton Highlands Museum is located at 66 Museum Road, Haliburton (accessible from Bayshore Road/HWY 118)  
Spring hours starting March 1st: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm

For more information, call 705-457-2760 or  
e-mail [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)



# Highlander arts

## Stuck Down our Road

After two months of snow Ian knew what he had to do. He had watched it piling up in the yard, burying last summer's tallest stalks. Almost every morning Ian tramped out to his birdfeeders to brush off the accumulated snow so the birds could continue to get at the seeds. Now he knew it was time to drive over to the old family cottage and remove the snow from that roof before the whole thing collapsed under the weight.

His nine-year-old son Josh had never seen the cottage in the winter and was excited about this adventure. For Ian, knowing the depth of the snow and the long driveway in, it was less adventure and more endurance.

They set out on a sparkling morning of blue skies and a sun that held no warmth this time of year. After a 40-minute drive, they stopped at the start of the cottage driveway, the spot where it met the privately-ploughed cottage road that carried on to other properties. There wasn't much room but Ian pulled over as far as he could before he and Josh headed out, the 'roof rake' in hand.

Snowshoes would have made their walking easier, especially for Josh. However he was a trooper and only complained about the exertion once. Ian pointed out that it would be easier on the return since they would have broken the trail.

While Ian pulled snow down the slanting roof, Josh kept up a conversation about winter, snow and where all the hibernating critters must be at this very moment. Ian had no intention of removing all the snow as that was too big a task for him alone today. But he managed to lighten the weight considerably and felt satisfied with the job he had done. A hot drink when they returned home was something father and son were both looking forward to.

The problem came when Ian tried to back up onto the road. He had miscalculated how far he had pulled over and now his back wheels were spinning uselessly. When he turned off the car's engine, the quiet was complete. He and Josh seemed to be the only ones in the area. For once Ian did not like the silence. This was the last place he wanted to be stuck.

Back through the snow he waded, leaving Josh to wait in the car while he looked for ashes in the cottage. Walking into that cold structure was like entering a freezer. However there were ashes in the woodstove and he filled up the metal bucket and carried them back to where Josh waited.

The two of them spread ashes under first the front then the back wheels. No luck. The wheels just churned up the ashes until they disappeared into the snow. Ian didn't want to say anything to Josh but the thought of a night in the frigid cottage was unsettling. If only someone would come along to help.

His plea was answered when a car appeared on the narrow road. The driver had a cottage farther down the road and a tractor which he offered to go back and return with to pull them out of their snow drift. Ian breathed a thankful sigh. Unfortunately the tractor had no chains and became stuck as well. At this point the adults discussed walking back to the other man's cottage where there was a phone. Josh started complaining about being cold.

Then another vehicle drove up, a large black truck. This fellow was prepared for a weekend at the cottage with the most beautiful chains Ian had ever laid eyes on. With all three of them working together and Josh staying well out of the way, they managed to extricate both the car and the tractor from the snow's soft clutches.

Free at last Ian gave himself a long start and then stomped on the gas pedal, racing up the hill to the main road. He who hesitates won't make it to the top, he told himself as Josh whooped with a thrill. Once he reached the main road Ian just kept going, even as he honked three short bursts. It was his way of letting the other two men know they had made it out and to thank them for their help. Then he realized he never even learned their names. It was too late now. Once stuck was more than enough for him.



By Sharon Lynch

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# Highlander sports



Photo by Mark Arike

The Red Hawks varsity hockey team celebrates winning the Kawartha division championship at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

## Hawks hockey team captures COSSA

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

After winning the Kawartha league division championship on Feb. 27, the Haliburton Red Hawks varsity hockey team has gone on to take the COSSA AA title.

The local team defeated the North Hastings Huskies 6-2 in the semi-final game and overpowered the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons 4-1 on Tuesday in Belleville.

The Hawks now move on to OFSAA in Burlington on March 18 where they will play for the all-Ontario championship.

Back on home ice, the Hawks secured back-to-back wins to take the Kawartha title last week. In their first game they defeated the Falcons 5-3 in what their head coach Ron Yake called a “back and forth” game.

“Our goalie [Braydin Frost] played well... we had lots of good pressure from our forwards and had some good chances,” said Yake, minutes before the second and final game against the St. Peter’s Catholic Secondary School Saints.

“I felt we played very well and had control, you might say, over a large part of the game.”

Jake Bursey scored three of the team’s

goals while Jake Harrison and Tyler Barry both had one.

In the game later that afternoon, the Hawks defeated the Saints in a 1-0 victory. Barry had the game-winning goal with the assist from Bursey.

“They [the Saints] had a full bench of players and used that extra energy to back check and put the pressure on the Red Hawks,” he said.

Yake said that Frost played outstanding and that the team’s “defensive core had a solid game.”

“The team came out with the mindset that they could win the game if they worked as

a team and played to their potential.”

The win is a huge highlight for Yake, who has been coaching at the high school for nearly 25 years.

“Being able to compete with such a large, established hockey school and winning is special.”

A total of 13 teams competed for the Kawartha league championship.

Yake was proud of his team and it’s looking forward to the remaining games.

“I’ve had an opportunity to take teams to the all-Ontario championship three times in my career. We [are in] this year and it’s exciting.”

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# Highlander sports

## Minden's karate kid kicks off fundraising efforts

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

A quick look through the awards cabinet at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) tells you a lot about Owen Mackeigan and what level of athlete he is.

The Minden teenager's name is on at least two awards in the display case at ASES, where Mackeigan attended school prior to graduating in 2012. Now, the 15-year-old Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student plans to travel to Scotland in April to be part of the World Karate Championships and is trying to raise the funds to help pay for the flight and expenses to get there.

"I knew him before he was even born," said Dolores Bailey, who helped greet visitors to a kickboxing class fundraising event that took place in the ASES gym on Feb. 28. "And I used to hear him reading the announcements over the intercom as the school president when I was at the school."

Mackeigan's last few years have been successful, but in the next few months he plans to achieve several goals that he has been working on since he was five years old.

"I've been studying karate for 10 years," he said. "Every kid has to have their own sport or activity that they like to do. A lot of kids up here like to play hockey, so karate is obviously very unique up here. It's just a good thing to have."

At the end of March, Mackeigan will take

the test for his "shodan," or black belt. With that around his waist, he'll head to Scotland with the Canadian National Karate Team to compete in the World Karate Championships with four other teens from the Kawartha Lakes area. This experience is expected to give him that last little push he needs to try for the Canadian National Karate Team in June, when he is 16 years old, has his black belt, and qualifies for the team.

"Owen's dedication is unsurpassed," said Kris Reynolds, sensei and chief director for the Kawartha Lakes Wado Kai Karate School. "He puts everything into this. He's the right guy for the job to go to Scotland and he deserves every ounce. I'm expecting him to come back with a world championship title."

Reynolds, a fourth degree black belt, has been training and teaching karate for almost 20 years. He will represent Team Canada in Scotland alongside two other martial artists who train in Lindsay. They'll be taking four students from the Kawartha Lakes region with them, and Mackeigan is one of those four.

"I'm expecting to just learn from the experience," said Mackeigan. "I've never been to such a big tournament. It will definitely help me develop skills, also."

Owen's grandfather and sensei, Sid Mackeigan, is understandably proud of his grandson. He said he began studying martial arts with Owen when he was five so that he wouldn't be alone when he was training. The pair travelled throughout Ontario and Quebec to attend tournaments with varied results.

"He kept winning, and losing, but he never

quit," said Sid. "He never quit trying to be better. He kept saying that sometime he would be a black belt."

Last year, Owen and two other students of the Kawartha Lakes Wado Kai Karate School became the first students from that club under the age of 16 to receive their junior black belts. Since the launch of the National Karate Federation in the 1950s, less than 60 junior black belts have been presented, and the test to get one takes about six hours.

Sid says he is exceptionally proud of his grandson, who now teaches karate in Minden on Wednesday nights and receives praise from the parents of students for his patience and confidence.

"His grandmother and I are really proud of him," said Sid. "She doesn't go to the tournaments though, because she doesn't like to watch him spar."

Sid said that he met amateur kickboxer Tom

Weir at a tournament in Oshawa and that Weir was quick to offer to conduct a kickboxing class to raise money for Owen's tournament.

"It's just doing what the martial arts people do," Sid said of Weir's generosity.

Weir, who has trained and coached six national kickboxing champions, drove from Pickering to teach some defense skills to Owen and the dozen karate students who came to the class. Weir then donated the proceeds from the class to Owen's fundraising efforts.

"I know what it takes to get to the level that Owen's at," said Weir. "It takes a lot of sacrifice from him and his family and his friends. I'm just happy to be a part and help him out in any way that I can."

For more information about Owen's journey, watch a video of the kickboxing training event at HighlanderOnline.ca.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Owen Mackeigan is raising money for a trip to Scotland to be part of the World Karate Championships with Team Canada.

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# Highlander sports



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Hans Walter returns a serve during a table tennis match.

## Table Tennis club recruiting

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Minden has a table tennis club, and these guys aren't your typical 'let's hit a few' garage game players.

They play to win.

Hans Walter and Vasa Rehacek are two members of the Haliburton County Table Tennis Club. They represented the club and county at last year's Senior Winter Games in Huntsville.

"We participated in doubles," Walter said. "Out of 10 teams, we [came in] fourth."

The club was formed two years ago, just after the last Senior Winter Games in Haliburton. They have 12 registered members, but are hoping to recruit more who are either table tennis pros, or players that are new to the sport and want to learn.

"Six more players would be great," Walter said.

The club owns seven tables and all the equipment a player needs to come out and

play. Walter said all people have to bring to the sessions are their running shoes and the \$3 fee.

Although it can be intimidating playing against better players, the club members said all skill levels are welcome, and they're willing to teach.

"Ideal would be if we had two or three [players] in the same level," he said. "They can play at the same level, then play with us for 15-20 minutes and get a lesson."

The club also includes both male and female members.

Walter said table tennis is a fun game for everyone.

"It's a very fast sport," he said. "It's a lot of brainwork. You have to react very quickly. It's low maintenance, and there are no dangers."

If anyone wants to play, the club meets at the Minden Community Centre every Monday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

For more information, contact Hans Walter at 705-286-1625.

## Haliburton enters Kraft Hockeyville

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The A.J. LaRue Arena will receive \$100,000 in upgrades if Haliburton ends up with the title of Kraft Hockeyville.

On March 8, locals are being encouraged to watch Hockey Night in Canada on CBC when 16 communities across Canada will be named as finalists in the 2014 Kraft Hockeyville contest.

"We are hockeyville," said Dysart et al CAO Tamara Wilbee, who along with several members of the community formed a committee and entered Haliburton into the contest.

"We put together a bit of a story and put it on the Kraft Hockeyville website, and then we started inviting everyone else in the community to add their pictures and stories to it."

Within two days the page had 135 members and 80 different uploads of stories and photos, said Wilbee.

Haliburton's rich hockey history is undeniable. The community is home to several NHLers, including Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Walt McKechnie and current Avalanche centre and gold medalist Matt Duchene. This past winter, these ties to the

hockey world were highlighted in the Jan. 25 movie premiere of "There's Something in the Water?"

Head Lake also hosted the ninth annual Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in January and February – an event that brought 1,600 players to Haliburton.

Wilbee said the response to the nomination has been nothing short of amazing. Social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, have helped get the word out.

In addition to the \$100,000 in arena upgrades, the grand prize winner will host a 2014-15 NHL pre-season game in their community and a visit from CBC.

The first of three audience voting rounds starts at 10 p.m. on March 8 and ends at midnight on March 10.

Should Haliburton qualify for the first round of voting, the town will need as many people as possible to go online and cast their vote.

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### Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Pee wee A team played Penetang at the Minden arena on Saturday and started strong in the first period with goals by Owen Gilbert and Sean Walker. Penetang came back with two goals of their own in the second period, but then Gilbert put one in on a scramble in front of the Penetang net midway in the period to regain the lead. Goalie Carson Sisson made some great stops including one on a Penetang breakaway. The Highland Storm could not hold off Penetang in the third period when they took a penalty and Penetang managed to tie it up with a power-play goal. Overtime saw the Storm team put on some good pressure but could not score leaving the game tied 3-3.



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## Highland Storm Hockey

Game 2 was played in Penetang on Sunday starting with a scoreless first period. Penetang opened the scoring early in the second period on a power-play goal and then got another with four minutes remaining in the period. The Highland Storm had some good chances but could not get enough quality shots on net. Penetang scored a third goal at 10:35 in the third period going on to defeat the Highland Storm 3-0.

### Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Craig Smith

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As travelled to Listowel for their first two games of the OMHA semi-finals. Game 1 was Saturday and the Storm won 8-4. Goals were from Matt Wilbee and Paydon Miscio with two each, Owen Smitty Smith, Nolan Flood, Chase Burden, and Chris Thompson, all with singles. Assists went to Smith with three, Wilbee with two, Owen Patterson Smith, Kyle Cooper, Andrew Hall, Jake Bishop, Flood, and Burden all had 1 assist.

Game 2 on Sunday wasn't as good as the Storm lost 7-1. Wilbee got the only goal assisted by Flood.

The boys need some home town support as they play in Minden Friday at 9 p.m., and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Haliburton. If need be, the team plays in Minden on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Come out and cheer them on!

### Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Highland Storm Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls wrapped up their provincial play-downs on Saturday in Minden hosting the West Northumberland

Wild. The Storm and the Wild battled to a 0-0 tie. With the tie, the Storm were eliminated from the provincial play-downs.

The Storm hosted the Ennismore Eagles on Sunday in Haliburton for Game 2 of their league playoffs. The four-point series was tied at one point each after the first game, a 0-0 tie. Looking to keep pace with the Eagles, the Storm picked up their level of play. The game was tied after two scoreless period, but with just minutes left in the third, Ennismore capitalized on a turnover in front of the Storm net to take a 1-0 lead. The goal proved to be the game-winner as the Storm could not find an equalizer even with their goalie pulled for the last few minutes.

### Haliburton Tim-br Mart Midget AE

Submitted by Drew Bishop

The Highland Storm Tim-br Mart Midget AE started their 2013/14 season off strong with four consecutive wins. The team continued to show dominance and finished in first place in the Muskoka Parry Sound league.

Heading into playoffs the team played the Huntsville Otters. The Storm played strong and took the series in five games. In the second round, the midgets played the Ennismore Eagles, where the storm swept the series in three games. In the semi-finals of the OMHA play-downs, the Storm faced the Collingwood Blackhawks. Despite a valiant effort, the Storm were worn down and finished the series at 3-1. The boys went out like gentlemen making, all their families and community proud. A great finish for a great season. Thanks to all the coaching staff for their dedication and time. Congratulations and thank you to our sponsor Haliburton Tim-br Mart.

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# Junior highlanders



Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School came second in this year's pasta challenge. From left, TLDSB director of education Larry Hope, 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff and G7 representative Jillian Hawley.

## Students place second in pasta challenge

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Although they didn't come in first place, they sure were a close second.  
And they still were able to help residents in need who use the Minden and Haliburton food banks.  
On Feb. 27, it was announced the Haliburton

Highlands Secondary School's (HHSS) G7 council, led by student Jillian Hawley, collected 2.72 boxes of pasta per student in this year's Great Pasta Challenge. The grand total amounts to over 1,200 boxes.  
The local students lost to Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute by just .01 units per student. Whole wheat pasta was worth two points and white was valued at one.

The students raised funds, which were then used to buy the pasta.  
School secretary Jackie Mayhew thanked Brad Park and Steve Todd for supporting the students' efforts.  
According to Mayhew, HHSS has yet to win the annual challenge, which includes schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

## Look out Sochi, here comes ASES

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

Sochi's Winter Olympics might be long over, but the Archie Stouffer Elementary Olympics took place just this past Feb. 28.  
After the lighting of a torch, energetic students assembled in teams representing different countries, and then spent the day outside being active in winter activities that promoted teamwork and sportsmanship.  
Events including tug-of-war, hill sliding, broomball, sled pulling, and parachute flapping might not get much international attention yet, but students participated wholeheartedly and took breaks to warm up with the drink of winter champions – hot chocolate.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Andrew Carmount can hardly contain his excitement as he, alongside team members Tim Miscio, Sydney Christian, and Chantell Paradie, bring their tug of war competition to their knees on winter fun day at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

## Through my eyes



## Crowd control

By Austin McGillion

Shopping. Some love it, some like it, I, however, despise it.  
When I wake up and hear "Austin let's go to the grocery store," my heart is filled with dread.  
So many people. So much noise.  
I wear my hood up over my head so I can see out, but nobody can see me. I stick close to my grandmother. She is my safety net. When I am in public spaces I have fears of being mugged or worse – fears brought with me from North Carolina. I often feel like everyone is watching me or talking about me. My grandmother assures me that they are too busy doing their shopping to be worrying about what I am doing. The longer we are in the store the more the anxiety builds and I get snappy. So it is when you have Asperger's Syndrome.  
Yet after much time spent in Haliburton I've gotten to know some of the store owners and I feel much more comfortable going there. I can now go to the bulk food store and feel comfortable chatting with the owner Jeff, or going to the 2-4-1 pizza place where there aren't too many people. It's the big and busy places that I don't want to go into. Too many people, too much noise, and too much anxiety make trips to the grocery store very unpleasant for me. However, with some conditioning and a pair of headphones, it has become much less stressful on my family and I.  
In North Carolina, when I would go out with my family, which for me was a very rare occurrence because I hated to leave the house, I never ran into anyone I knew. Everyone was a stranger – there was never a recognizable face. In Haliburton, things are much different. No matter where I go with my grandmother, I see people I know. Familiar faces can be comforting because I know that they are "okay", but they can also make me nervous because I am afraid they will speak to me and I won't know what to say. I am not a very good communicator so I usually just nod or shrug. Despite that, whether they are from school, a store I visit, or just people I have seen in the park, it is always reassuring to see people that are familiar to me.  
I prefer to spend my time at home where it is quiet and no one bothers me. When I am at home and not busy working on my column, I live a simple life. I carry in wood and help take care of our chickens. After chores I play video games, watch TV or listen to music.  
I am sure that some would think I am lonely, but I am not. I am happy living just the way I am.  
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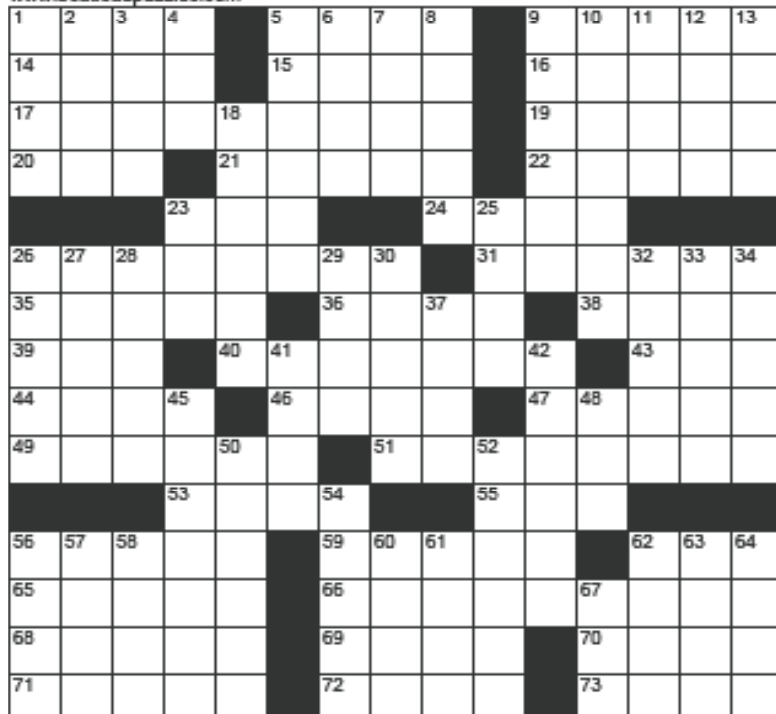


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# Highlander events

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## ACROSS

1. Mets' old stadium
5. Indian of Peru
9. Custom
14. Coconut tree
15. City light
16. Chubby
17. Aide
19. Stadium
20. "Sex and \_\_\_\_ City"
21. Succinct
22. Talks wildly
23. Above, in verse
24. Cummerbund
26. Island off India (2 wds.)
31. Gains knowledge
35. Internet access device
36. Bites
38. Cat call
39. Fruit punch
40. Sound systems
43. \_\_\_\_ detector
44. Aft
46. Has creditors
47. Not those
49. Ohio port
51. Welcome mat locale
53. Chilly
55. Saucepan
56. Madrid's country
59. Sped
62. \_\_\_\_ and don'ts
65. Major artery
66. Penance
68. Excellent
69. Manner
70. Assess
71. "\_\_\_\_ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
72. Mimic
73. Sluggish

## DOWN

1. Minor quarrel
2. Corned beef dish
3. Ultimatum word
4. French buddy
5. Student doctor
6. Close
7. Swindles
8. Poker stakes
9. Raspy
10. President \_\_\_\_ Lincoln
11. Existed
12. Doesn't exist
13. Herb drinks
18. Cooks with vapor
23. Bullfight cry
25. Furthermore
26. Brainy
27. Cowboy show
28. Flawless
29. Recognized
30. Broadcast
32. Rented again
33. Clatter
34. Use a broom
37. Mexican money
41. Implement
42. Took long steps
45. Music performance
48. Truman's monogram
50. Give to charity
52. First game
54. Stage offering
56. Norse tale
57. Harbor
58. Neighborhood
60. On the peak
61. Area \_\_\_\_
62. Transaction
63. Atop
64. Hearty soup
67. Mr.'s mate

## MARCH 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting,</b> 6-7:30 p.m.  <b>Pickleball – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym,</b> 7-9:45 p.m. \$4 and must have clean, indoor court or running shoes.	<b>Roving lunch club,</b> noon, Contact Community Care for this month's location – info@cchaliburton.com  <b>Function vs. Expression Exhibition,</b> Agnes Jamieson Gallery – 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.		<b>Country music jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena,</b> 1-5 p.m.  <b>Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast – Haliburton Legion,</b> 9:30-1 p.m.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>Vintage book &amp; comic pendant – The Art Hive,</b> 9:30-noon.  <b>Workshop Suds – The Art Hive,</b> 1-3:30 p.m.  <b>Stanhope Seniors Lunch,</b> – noon reservations required 705-489-3225	<b>Volunteer income tax program – Haliburton Legion,</b> 9:30-2 p.m. Every Tuesday until April 22.  <b>Maple Fest! – Haliburton Museum</b> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free 705-457-2760	<b>Volunteer income tax program – Wilberforce Legion,</b> 2-3:20 p.m. Every Wednesday until April 23.  <b>WSIB information session – Lloyd Watson Centre,</b> 9-11:30 a.m.  <b>Maple Fest! Haliburton Museum</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Child Clay Garden Stakes – The Art Hive,</b> 9:30-noon www.thearthive.com  <b>March Break Day Camp – MH Cultural Centre</b> 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., \$10/day 705-286-3763  <b>Maple Fest! Haliburton Museum</b>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>Felted Treasure Pouch – The Art Hive,</b> 9:30-noon www.thearthive.com  <b>March Break Day Camp – MH Cultural Centre</b> 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., \$10/day 705-286-3763  <b>Maple Fest! Haliburton Museum</b>	<b>In Search of the Elusive Wolf – Haliburton Forest,</b> 9 a.m. one-day snowshoe adventure www.haliburtonforest.com  <b>Wild Game Dinner, Haliburton Legion</b> 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.		<b>Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day lunch,</b> 11:30-1 p.m.  <b>Baby massage, Minden OEYC</b> 10 a.m., 705-286-1770

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAR 6 - MAR 12, 2014

<b>Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)</b> General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	<b>Minden Branch (705-286-4541)</b> Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)</b> Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Ham and scalloped dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. breakfast, Sunday, 9-12 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 15, 9 p.m. to close.
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# Highlander events

## Dogsled derby hits record numbers

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Teams of dogs and mushers flocked to the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre for the 12th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby.

The March 1-2 event, which was organized by Winterdance Dogsled Tours, featured purebred and Alaskan classes, youth races and skijoring. A \$6,000 purse was up for grabs for open and purebred teams, according to the derby's website.

Event organizer Tanya McCready reported that a total of 93 teams entered this year's derby.

"[It's] possibly the biggest race we've ever had," said McCready, who owns Winterdance with her husband Hank DeBruin.

Participants made the trek from New York, Ohio, Quebec and Ontario, she said.

On Saturday, spectator turnout seemed to be down from previous years. McCready said she received several calls from

people in southern Ontario who wanted to attend, but cancelled their plans due to the weather and poor driving conditions.

"I would say it's a little bit less than average this year," she said.

The couple took on the event shortly after moving to the Highlands in 1999. They witnessed how popular the Minden event was and didn't want to see a good thing come to an end.

"After we were here for a couple of years we thought it's really sad that there's not a dog sled race in Haliburton, because we have some of the best snow in the province. We decided we would start."

This weekend's conditions were "great," said McCready, and so was the venue.

*The mushers love it. They tell us it's their favourite race of the year.*

**Tanya McCready**

owner

Winterdance Dogsled Tours

"The mushers love it. They tell us it's their favourite race of the year."

The annual event is part of the Ontario Federation of Sleddog Sports Triple Crown Race Series.

For all of the results check out the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby Facebook page.



Photo by Mark Arike

A skijoring participant blasts out of the gate.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Musicians and Maritimers Teresa Doyle (left) and Tim Chaisson (right) share a smile while performing on March 1 at the 6th annual Winter Folk Camp.

### Camaraderie brings Winter Folk Camp smiles

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

The crowd was in stitches in between songs performed by Teresa Doyle, Tim Chaisson and October Browne.

The musicians were cracking jokes while performing at the 6th annual Winter Folk Camp, making for a fun atmosphere.

"This song is about a happy ending in Toronto," said Browne. "And not the kind of happy ending you're thinking about."

"Is it about Rob Ford leaving the city?" shouted out an audience member.

"Rob Ford, he speaks very highly of you," Browne retorted.

The three performers at a concert held on March 1 had 60 years of combined experience. Camp registrar Sue Shikaze said

Tim Chaisson's accomplishments might have people guessing that he was in his 50s, rather than his 20s. The multi-instrumentalist has toured with bands like the Tragically Hip and Lady Antebellum, was the musical director for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's visit to PEI, and was recently nominated for the East Coast Music Awards songwriter of the year, song of the year, and entertainer of the year.

The camp, held from Feb. 28 to March 3, took place in the homey atmosphere of Camp Wanakita, where participants could network and get to know each other. Musicians took in three days and three nights of workshops, concerts, jam sessions, and song circles, taking a break every once in awhile for some yoga.

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# Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: This 1952 MGTD replica sports car was up for grabs at this year's Rotary Auction. Right: Lance Edwards, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club, holds up one of the prizes available in the loonie auction.

## Rotary auction sells out, raises nearly \$20k

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The 27th annual Haliburton Rotary Club auction raised about \$20,000 for the organization. The event was held at the Pinestone Resort on March 1.

"It makes me so proud to be a Rotarian and prouder still to live in Haliburton, a town with a very, very big heart," said Brian Nash, Rotarian and auction chair.

Approximately 200 items were available in the silent and live auctions. This year's big prize was a 1952 MGTD replica sports car, which went for \$5,600 to a local couple.

On March 3, the Haliburton club celebrated its 70th anniversary of service. According to Nash, its members raise over \$60,000 annually to support a number of community initiatives.

The funds raised at the event will continue to support the organization's local efforts.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Dr. Ron Goodlin gave Haliburton's aspiring photographers some great advice during a seminar on Feb. 28.

## Camera club enthusiasts get tips from a master

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

Master photographer Dr. Ron Goodlin shared stories of shooting animals – with his camera – and saving fish as the special guest at a meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club on Feb. 28.

More than 40 members of the recently established club met at the Minden Community Centre to see a two-hour presentation of Goodlin's work, which showcased photographs of wildlife including elephants, moose, and bald eagles.

Club member and professional photographer Cheryl Smith was impressed with the turnout, but laughed as she said, "Not one person here actually brought a camera tonight."

The camera club is a not-for-profit organization that is open to photographers of any skill level and camera or photography enthusiasts. The next meeting takes place on March 19 at the Minden Legion. For more information, see their website at [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca).

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# What's on



File Photo

Volunteers serve wild game dishes to patrons at last year's Wild Game Dinner.

## Taste of the wild

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

If you've never tried wild game, now's your chance. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is hosting its annual wild game dinner on March 15, and Dan Johnson, second vice-president of the organization, said it's a great chance to try something new. "[The dinner] supports our club," he said. "It is a major fundraiser, [and] it's an opportunity to try some different types of meat maybe you might not otherwise have a chance to try." He said there will be an abundance of food available to try, and all sorts of different kinds of meat. "We're going to have elk, buffalo, wild boar, and pheasant. Those are all farm-raised game." Other meat includes moose, bear, and venison. "We'll also do up some salmon or trout, and we'll do some domestic meat." But it's not just a carnivore's paradise. The meal comes with all the trimmings, including a delicious cake and sauce for dessert. "It's all-you-can-eat," Johnson said. "Bring your appetite, for sure." A silent auction has been prepared for the event and will include items such as artwork, crafts, gift certificates, hunting

and fishing items, and even some clothing. There are also three raffles going on throughout the evening for a men's package, women's package, and a stained-glass hanging. Johnson said over the years a lot of the same people have been coming out, but lately there have been some new faces showing up at the dinner. "It's nice to see the same people there, but it's nice to see a changeover, too," he said. "It keeps everything fresh." The proceeds will be used to support the HHOA and its projects. "The money is going to go in the general coffers just to keep the place running, [and] perhaps to any conservation projects that are coming up. Everything that's raised will stay in the association. It will be used for association needs." Tickets for the wild game dinner at \$55 per couple, or \$35 for a single ticket. They are available through the HHOA at the fish hatchery, Baked and Battered in Haliburton, and through association members. Johnson said tickets will be available at the door if there are any spots left. The dinner is being held at the Haliburton Legion. Doors open at 5 p.m. for social time, with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the auction. For more information, contact the HHOA at 705-457-9664.

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- 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick bungalow
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- 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 2972 sq ft
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- Close to town with year round access
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath home
- Separate cottage, triple car garage
- Clean sand beach with level entry
- Many recent upgrades



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### RIVERFRONT NEAR EAGLE LAKE \$74,900



- 200 ft water frontage on 1.5 acres
- Level cleared areas, driveway, hydro at lot line
- Private year round road
- 1 km to Eagle Lake beach/boat launch
- Great nature lover's retreat

### 4 SEASON HOME \$349,900



- 2000 sq. ft. home/cottage
- 160 ft. waterfront on spring fed lake
- Convenient 2 hour drive of the GTA
- Expansive southern view
- Close to Minden and all amenities

### LOOP ROAD \$119,500



- Spacious 3 bedrooms in town home, walking distance to all amenities to school
- View of Cedar Lake from the living room
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace, most of the windows
- Walkout basement, deck off dining on overcolora large back yard
- Public dock and boat launch are across the road

### NORTH SHORE RD ACREAGE \$25,000



- 6.28 acre building lot with 450' of frontage on a municipally maintained year round road
- Will need for privacy with several possible building locations
- Minutes from public access to Maple Lake (3 lake chain)
- In an area of fine homes and only 15 kms to Haliburton



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- 250 ft frontage, 3 acres
- Over 4,000 sq ft luxury living space
- 14 ft gazebo, 2 lakeside guest cabins
- 3 + 2 bedrooms, fireplace, skylights
- Year round access, close to amenities

### CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$749,900



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3038 sq ft living space
- 107 ft sand frontage, 0.53 acres
- 22 ft pine ceilings, stone fireplace
- Floor to ceiling windows, custom kitchen
- Stunning expansive southern view

### HIGHWAY 35 \$22,000



- Building lot located right in Norland - close to all amenities and many trails and lakes

### COUNTY ROAD 1 \$17,900



- Private, well treed, 2.8 acre vacant lot to build your home or get-away-on.
- Storage shed on lot
- Year round municipal access.



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### 1384 IRONDALE ROAD \$189,000



- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, open concept main floor
- Great kitchen - lots of counters/cabinets
- Newer propane furnace, central air
- Propane fireplace, carefree laminate floors
- Minutes to Salerno Lake boat launch

### CRYSTAL LAKE \$350,000



- 2+1 bedroom, open concept kitchen/family rm
- Updated bathroom, large master
- Pine floors and walls, 10 X 12 guest cabin
- Clean shoreline, large dock, quiet bay
- Situated on level lot with western exposure!

### 2 SEASON HOME/COTTAGE \$299,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1200 sq ft home
- 100 ft frontage, sand shoreline
- Wet slip boathouse with rooftop deck
- Detached 1.5 car garage
- Turn-key set up

### STARTER HOME \$99,900



- Year round brick bungalow with well and septic
- Recently renovated
- Great retirement or starter home
- A short walk to the Municipal Beach and the town of Gooderham



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- Fairly level
- On municipal road
- Hydro at road

### CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$499,900



- Great swimming and boating
- Year round private escape
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
- 3 walkouts to covered deck
- AC, Jacuzzi, hardwood floors

### GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY \$199,900



- Screaming Eagle Paintball
- Turn-key business opportunity
- Endless possibilities
- 95 plus acres, stream, 2 ponds
- Cabin, mature bush with trails



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### 4 SEASON LIVING \$239,900



- 4 season home/cottage with direct waterfront
- Paved driveway, gentle sloping lot
- Major renovations recently done
- Walkouts from 2 levels
- Walk to all amenities

### CUSTOM BUILT \$559,900



- 2552 square feet of luxury living
- 3+2 bedrooms, 2 washrooms
- Walk-out fully finished basement
- Extensive upper and lower decking
- Fully furnished and ready to enjoy!

### ABSOLUTE STUNNER! \$289,000



- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2200 sq ft living space
- Almost 400 ft riverfront, 2.85 acres
- Walkout to huge deck, lower level screen porch
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### 4 SEASON RETREAT \$439,900



- 3 bedrm, 1.5 bath, 1218 sq ft
- 231 feet waterfront, 2.16 acre
- Master bedroom with walkout to deck
- Pine floors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas



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